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3. AMRITĀNANDA, THE REDACTOR OF THE BUDDHA-CARITA.

SIR,—A recent letter received from Surgeon-Major P. Weir, Medical Officer and Assistant British Resident in Nepal, shows that a conjecture made in conversation between myself and Professor Cowell some months ago is substantially correct. Bearing in mind the Indian practice of reproducing the second half of a compound name in members of the same family, it occurred to us that Amṛitānanda might be an ancestor of my friend Pandit Indrānanda, the present Residency Pandit, and son of Guṇānanda, who was the translator of the "History of Nepal," edited by Dr. D. Wright.

The genealogy is as follows :

Sarvānanda
|
Rāmānanda
|
Amṛitānanda
|
Viṣvānanda
|
(Çrī-) Guṇānanda
|
Indrānanda (present Pandit)
|
Mitrānanda

I have elsewhere noted that Amṛitānanda was not only a poet but also wrote on metres in a work (Chando'mṛita-latā), of which a copy exists at Cambridge, and in our Society's own collection.

CECIL BENDALL.

June 14th, 1893.